(c) whether it is also a fact that so far only one highway has been declared as National by the Central Government;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not declaring the other approved highways as National Highways; and

(e) by when the rest of the approved highways will be declared as National Highways by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. After the Independence, two new National Highways have been declared in Madhya Pradesh *vide* details below:—

S. No.	No. of N.H.	Description	Length (in Kms.)
(i)	N.H. No. 12	Jabalpur—Jaipur	460
(ii)	N.H. No. 16	Nizamabad—Jagdalpur	210

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The decision about the declaration of new National Highways in various States including Madhya Pradesh would be taken only after the formulation of 8th Five Year Plan, subject to availability of funds and certain other criteria laid down for the purpose. It is, therefore, too early to spell out the position at this point of time.

Clearance of mining-cum-thermal power project of Neyveli Lignite Corporation

*156. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Investment Board has cleared a mining-cum-thermal power project of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation with an outlay of Rs. 21.04 crore;

(b) what is the likely increase of the raw lignite mining capacity in metric tonnes and also thermal power production, annually, by the above project and by when the project is likely to be commissioned; and

(c) what are the other projects of Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited in which the Corporation has decided to invest during the current financial year alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) During the year 1991-92, Neyveli Lignite Corpoartion has seven sanctioned projects under execution. The details, including sanctioned cost, capacity and

expenditure incurred on each project are given below:—

Project	Capacity	Sanctioned cost	Expenditure till March, 1991
		(Rupees Crores)	
Mine II (Stage II);	5.8 m.t.y. (from 4.7 m.t.y. to 10.5 m.t.y.)	1065.40 (4/90 base)	850.52
Thermal Power Station (Stage-II);	840 MW (4x210 MW) (from 630 MW to 1470 MW)	1016.80 (12/85 base)	966.11
400 KV Transmission System (Stage-II):	400 KV lines and sub-stations	367.74 (6/89 base)	250.97
Zero Unit to TPS II	1x210 MW	397.26 (7/88 base)	0.47
Float Machine (1400 L BWE)	1.00 m.t.y.	77.37 (7/88 base)	..
Barsingsar lignite mine (Rajasthan)	1.7 m.t.y.	242.31 (11/90 base)	1.53
Barsingsar TPS (Raj.)	2x120 MW	585.73 (11/90 base)	0.57

Pakistan's capability for making Nuclear Devices

*157. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan has at present enough material and components for making atleast 10 nuclear devices; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Government have seen reports to this effect. While there is no doubt about the clandestine nature and weapons ori-